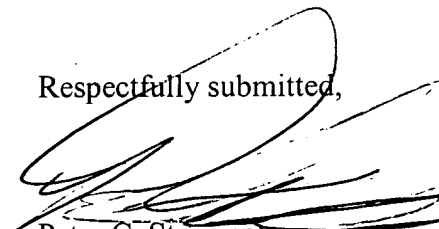


REMARKS

This application has been amended to place the claims into better conformance with preferred USPTO practice without narrowing the claims. Entry of the amendments and early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be payable with the submission of this amendment. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,



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